

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A two-stage movement seesaw switch apparatus comprising:

5 a manipulation knob which is tiltably supported;  
a pair of elevatable drivers corresponding to a tilting direction of the manipulation knob;

an operation plate which is pushed and driven by the manipulation knob by way of the drivers;

10 a first push switch and a second push switch which support both ends of the operation plate; and

a third push switch which is arranged at a position displaced from a straight line which connects both push switches and supports an intermediate portion of the  
15 operation plate, wherein

one of the drivers imparts a pushing force from the manipulation knob to a portion of the operation plate closer to the first push switch than the third push switch so as to make the operation plate sequentially operate the  
20 first push switch and the third push switch in response to a descending amount of the driver, and

wherein another of the drivers imparts a pushing force from the manipulation knob to a portion of the operation plate closer to the second push switch than the  
25 third push switch so as to make the operation plate sequentially operate the second push switch and the third push switch in response to the descending amount of the

driver.

2. The two-stage movement seesaw switch apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the operation plate includes a bend which is supported by the third push switch as well  
5 as a first extension and a second extension which extend from the bend in a truncated chevron shape, wherein a distal end of the first extension is supported by the first push switch, and wherein a distal end of the second extension is supported by the second push switch.

10 3. The two-stage movement seesaw switch apparatus according to claim 2, wherein an illuminator which is exposed in a projecting manner between the first extension and the second extension of the operation plate is provided at a side of the third push switch.

15 4. The two-stage movement seesaw switch apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the operation plate includes a first resilient portion which connects the bend with the first extension, a first pushing force transmission  
portion which is projected from the first extension to the  
20 bend side and pushes and drives the bend when the first extension is tilted using the first push switch as a fulcrum due to the pushing force of the manipulation knob, a second resilient portion which connects the bend with the second extension, and a second pushing force transmission portion  
25 which is projected from the second extension to the bend side and pushes and drives the bend when the second extension is tilted using the second push switch as a

fulcrum due to the pushing force of the manipulation knob.

5. A two-stage movement seesaw switch apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the push switches includes a fixed contact and a click rubber which is  
5 provided with a movable contact which is brought into contact with or is separated from the fixed contact and is capable of performing buckling deformation, and wherein a top of the click rubber engages with the operation plate.